

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
IPC 7 A61K9/00

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	<p>SOLOMONIDOU D ET AL: "Effect of carbomer concentration and degree of neutralization on the mucoadhesive properties of polymer films"</p> <p>JOURNAL OF BIOMATERIALS SCIENCE POLYMER EDITION, vol. 12, no. 11, 2001, pages 1191-1205, XP009028488 ISSN: 0920-5063 page 1192, last paragraph -page 1194, paragraph 3</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>1-5,7,9, 10</p>

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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

Box I.1

Although claims 17 and 18 relate to a method for treatment of the human or animal body, the search was carried out and was based on the stated effects of the compound or composition.

PCT Rule 39.1(iv) – methods for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy.

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